In the Claims

1-32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) A method of preventing photooxidation and autoxidation processes in

body-care products selected from body oils, body lotions, body gels, treatment creams, skin powders, skin protection ointments, shaving preparations, bath or shower additives, scents, perfumes, toilet waters, shaving lotions, shampoos, hair conditioners, agents for styling or treating hair, perming agents, hair sprays or lacquers, hair dyeing or bleaching agents, dentifrices, deodorizing or antiperspirant preparations, decorative preparations lipsticks, nail varnishes, eye shadows, mascara, dry or moist make-up, rouge, powders, depilatory agents, suntan lotions, light protection formulations, hormone preparations, vitamin preparations, vegetable extract preparations and antibacterial preparations,

or in household products selected from shoe polishes, polishing waxes, floor detergents or polishes, metal, glass or ceramic cleaners, textile care agents, agents for removing rust, color or stains and furniture or multipurpose polishes,

which method comprises incorporating into said body-care or household products one or more phenolic antioxidants of formula

(2)
$$\begin{bmatrix} R_2 & O & O \\ HO & (Q)_b & C & V - (T)_d & R_3 \\ (R_1)_a & e & e \end{bmatrix}$$

wherein in formula (2),

R₁ and R₂ are the tert-butyl radical;

Q is
$$-C_mH_{2m}$$
- or $-CH$ -
 C_mH_{2m+1}

T is $-C_nH_{2n}$ -;

V is -O- or -NH-;

a is 1;

b and d are each independently of one another 0 or 1;

e is an integer from 1 to 4;

m, n and p are each independently of one another an integer from 1 to 3;

if e = 1, then

$$R_3$$
 is M; hydrogen; C_1 - C_{22} alkyl or (1f) where R_2

M is alkali or ammonium;

if e = 2, then

$$R_3$$
 is a direct bond; $-CH_2$ -; $-CH$ — or $-CH$ — $(CH_2)_0$ — CH_3 ;

if e = 3, then

$$R_3$$
 is the radical of formula (1g) R_4 ; (1h) R_4

(1i)
$$CH-(CH_2)_p$$
 $CH-$ or (1k)

whereR₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₂₂alkyl;

and

if e = 4, then

 R_3 is -C— or a direct bond.

34. (canceled)

- **35.** (previously presented) A method according claim **33**, wherein Q is a methylene or ethylene radical.
- 36. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein V is -O-.

37-41. (canceled)

42. (previously presented) A method according to claim **33**, which comprises incorporating an antioxidant of formula

(3)
$$\begin{bmatrix} R_2 & O \\ Q - C - O - T \end{bmatrix}_{R_3}$$

wherein

R₁ and R₂ are the tert-butyl radical;

Q is $-C_mH_{2m}$ -;

 R_3 is a direct bond or -CH-

a is 1;

m is 1 to 3;

T is $-C_nH_{2n}$ - and

n is an integer from 1 to 3.

43. (previously presented) A method according to claim **42**, wherein the antioxidant is a compound of formula (3), wherein

Q is ethylene and

R₃ is a direct bond.

44-46. (canceled)

- **47.** (previously presented) A method according to claim **33**, which comprises incorporating the phenolic antioxidants of formula (2) as individual compounds or as a mixture of several individual compounds.
- **48.** (previously presented) A method according to claim **33**, which comprises incorporating the antioxidant or the sum of the antioxidants in a concentration of 50 to 1000 ppm.

49-64. (canceled)